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[1862]

"Gay and happy"

We are the boys so gay and happy
Where's there no chance to be
If at home or on camp out by

It's the same name always free.

(Chorus) Then let the men yams war as they will
We'll be gay and happy still.

Gay and happy, gay and happy
We will be gay and happy still.
2.

Old Virginia needs assistance

Not them hosts invade her soil

We will pledge a firm resistance.

Country abides, free, and true.
3.

We have left our homes and those we cherish
In our good old Maryland.

Rather than were chains will perish
Side by side, and hand in hand.
4

Then let the guns and muskets rattle
Fearless as our boys of yore,
Will not leave the field of battle
Till we have ransom'd Baltimore,
Thence—

Then let the guns ~~and~~ ^{war} guns as they will
Will be gay and happy still,
Gay and happy, gay and happy
Will be gay and happy still,

Gay and happy
Chas. H. Smith